DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1.   An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the

changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be

filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an

amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone

interview with Mr. John D. Veldhuis-Kroeze on 02/18/2009, discussed about the

independent claims 1 and 17. Based on the discussion the new independent

claims 1 and 17 are hereby corrected as shown below.

Currently amended claims:

Claim 1.   A method of coordinating resources of mobile computing

devices to jointly execute tasks, the method comprising:

receiving a first user gesture input at a first mobile computing device;

receiving a second user gesture input at a second mobile computing

device, wherein the first and second gesture inputs are received respectively at

the first and second mobile computing devices [prior to combining resources of

the first and second mobile computing devices];

determining whether the first and second user gesture inputs together form one of a plurality of different synchronous gesture types, wherein determining whether the first and second gesture inputs received at the first and second mobile computing devices form one of the plurality of different synchronous gesture types further comprises determining whether the first and second user gesture inputs received at the first and second mobile computing devices are of corresponding types and are synchronized in time by being received within a predetermined time period of each other; and

combining resources of the first and second mobile computing devices, in response to a determination being made that the first and second user gesture inputs received at the [fist] first and second mobile computing devices are of corresponding types and are synchronized in time to form one of the plurality of synchronous gesture types, to jointly execute a particular task associated with the one of the plurality of different synchronous gesture types.

Claim 17.   A system which coordinates resources of mobile computing devices to jointly execute tasks, the system comprising:

a first mobile computing device configured to receive a first user gesture input; a second mobile computing device configured to receive a second user gesture input; processing circuitry configured to determine whether the first and second user gesture inputs together form one of a plurality of different

synchronous gesture types by determining whether the first and second gesture

inputs are of corresponding types and are synchronized in time by being received

within a predetermined time period of each other; and

the first and second mobile computing devices being further configured to

combine resources <u>in response to a determination being made that the first and</u>

<u>second user gesture inputs received at the first and second mobile computing</u>

<u>devices are of corresponding types and are synchronized in time to form one of</u>

<u>the plurality of synchronous gesture types, to jointly execute a particular task</u>

<u>associated with the one of the plurality of different synchronous gesture types</u> [to

jointly execute a particular task associated with the one of the plurality of different

synchronous gesture type based upon whether it is determined that the first and

second gesture input from the one of the plurality of different synchronous

gesture types].

Examiner's Amendment/comments

2.   The limitations in the independent claims 1 and 17 are discussed.

Proposed some change in to the limitation of independent claim 17 in such that

the claim limitations of claim 17 will have similar limitations as recited in the

independent claim 1, because previously presented claim 17 was substantially

a broader claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

3.   Claims 1, 5-15, 17-21, and 25- 35 are allowed.

4.   The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding independent claims 1 and 17:

The closest prior art of record Chiu (US Pub. No: 2005/0030255) teaches

a method of coordinating resources of mobile computing devices to jointly

execute tasks, the method comprising receiving a first user gesture input at a first

mobile computing devices and receiving a second user gesture input at a

second mobile computing devices (0017-0019, and 0021-0023) , but Chiu does

not teach or suggest determining whether the first and second user gesture

inputs together form one of a plurality of different synchronous gesture types,

determining whether the first and second user gesture inputs received at the first

and second mobile computing devices are of corresponding types and are

synchronized in time by being received within a predetermined time period of

each other; and combining resources of the first and second mobile computing

devices, in response to a determination being made that the first and second

user gesture inputs received at the first and second mobile computing devices

are of corresponding types and are synchronized in time to form one of the

plurality of synchronous gesture types, to jointly execute a particular task

associated with the one of the plurality of different synchronous gesture types.

Moehrle (US patent No: 6599130) teaches a synchronous gesture

(column 4, lines 35-60, and Fig. 3), but combining both Chiu and Moehrle do not

teach or suggest   determining whether the first and second user gesture inputs

together form one of a plurality of different synchronous gesture types,

determining whether the first and second user gesture inputs received at the first

and second mobile computing devices are of corresponding types and are

synchronized in time by being received within a predetermined time period of

each other; and combining resources of the first and second mobile computing

devices, in response to a determination being made that the first and second

user gesture inputs received at the first and second mobile computing devices

are of corresponding types and are synchronized in time to form one of the

plurality of synchronous gesture types, to jointly execute a particular task

associated with the one of the plurality of different synchronous gesture types.

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later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should

preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled

"Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Inquiry

5.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from

the examiner should be directed to Shaheda Abdin whose telephone number is

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the

examiner's supervisor, Richard HJerpe could be reached at (571) 272-7691. The

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